

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 52i to read as follows:

*Sec. 52i. (a) A municipality may donate surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to the Texas Forest Service or to a successor agency authorized to cooperate in the development of rural fire protection plans.*

*(b) The Texas Forest Service or the successor agency may, based on need, redistribute to rural volunteer fire departments the equipment, supplies, or materials donated under Subsection (a).*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

Passed by the House on April 9, 2003: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2003: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 29, 2003.

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**H.J.R. No. 62**

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 13 to read as follows:

*Sec. 13. For an office for which this constitution requires an election, the legislature may provide by general law for a person to take the office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election to be held for that office.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held September 13, 2003. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

SECTION 3. Section 2, H.J.R. No. 61, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held *September 13, 2003* [~~November 4, 2003~~]. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

Passed by the House on May 1, 2003: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 62 on May 24, 2003: Yeas 120, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2003: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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**H.J.R. No. 68**

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to make certain payments